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SF 396 - Court Security Funds (LSB 1377 SV)

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Description

Senate File 396 increases the maximum annual deposit into the Enhanced Court Collections Fund from \$4.0 million to \$5.0 million. The additional \$1.0 million will be used to establish a Courthouse Security Grant Program. The grants will be used by counties for the purchase of courthouse security equipment or building enhancements that improve courthouse security. The Bill directs the Supreme Court to establish a Commission to administer the grant program including reviewing applications for grants and granting awards.

Background

- The Enhanced Court Collection Fund (Section 602.1304, Code of Iowa) receives up to \$4.0 million for a fiscal year based on the Judicial Branch's ability to meet the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) estimate. (The REC estimate is set on the net amount of revenue generated from court fees and fines.) If the Judicial Branch generates quarterly revenue that meets the REC estimate, revenue is distributed by a formula and the remainder is deposited into the General Fund.
- The money deposited to the Enhanced Court Collections Fund is used for the Iowa Court Information System (ICIS), computer hardware, records management equipment, technological improvements, and the implementation of projects that improve the administration of justice. The funds do not revert. The most recent project the money is earmarked for is the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) Project.
- The FY 2006 receipts in the Enhanced Court Collections Fund were \$13.2 million and the FY 2006 expenditures were \$4.9 million leaving a carry forward balance of \$8.3 million for FY 2007.
- Currently, there are no statewide court security requirements although Iowa's 1999 Court Security Improvement Task Force Study is used as a guideline in many counties.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of SF 396 is an estimated reduction of \$1.0 million to the General Fund.

Source

Judicial Branch

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